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Via Fax and Regular Mail

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Dear Mr. Monroe:

Unbeknownst to Tom Terp, with whom you recently had a conversation regarding the Ventron/Velsicol site, our subsidiary Morton International has been developing an overall approach to the Berry's Creek area. In formulating this plan, we have drawn upon other outside counsel and environmental scientists.

We expect to have our proposed approach ready and available for discussion by early March. In the meantime, we ask that you bear with us and not take further action while we continue to refine our plan. I will also arrange for the counsel who are working with us on Berry's Creek to be in contact with you in a few days.

Very truly yours,

*Kathleen McCafferty*  
*for Robert A. Lonergan*  
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